



LGBTQIA+ Rainbow Commission Minutes

Date: Thursday, April 16, 2020

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Conducted by Remote Participation

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Attendees: Commissioners Julia Forsythe (Chair), Andy Robinson (Vice Chair), Lisa Krinsky, Brooks Harrelson, Helene Newberg

Liaisons: Jillian Harvey - DEI

Guests: Anna Watson, Police Chief Julie Flaherty, Nina Coil, Susan Ryan-Vollmar, Lenny Goldstein, Maura Albert, Keith March Mistler, Cody Boisclair, Harper Vinkemulder

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. HN assigned as minute-taker

1. Announcements: Open Forum
 - a. BH noted that the grant proposal deadline for the AEF has been postponed to November 15, 2020.
2. Consent Agenda: BH moved to approve the consent agenda, AR seconds, motion passed.
3. Pride Planning:
 - a. Pride Celebrations: Boston Pride has been canceled for this year. ARC Pride celebrations will similarly respect the public health crisis.

- b. ARC will still ask the Select Board to record a Pride Proclamation, will seek to have Town Hall both lit with appropriately colored lights and display appropriate flags, and, in collaboration with the Arlington Human Rights Commission AR will lead an effort to design and procure Pride-themed light post banners for poles along Mass Ave.
 - c. ARC will not seek to paint the Town Hall crosswalk rainbow this year.
 - d. ARC may also host one or more virtual gatherings to celebrate pride.
 - e. A. Watson offered to check remaining funds with Queer Mystic to donate to the banner project.
 - f. BH suggested solicitation of faith congregations holding themselves out as welcoming congregations.
 - g. BH moved to apply the Pride Events budget for the year to the Banner initiative; HN seconded, motion passed.
- 4. Membership:
 - a. Interviews for additional commissioners are underway.
- 5. Subcommittees:
 - a. Pride Committee (see above)
 - b. Strategic Planning Committee met in March and discussed membership and engagement and the differences between strategic planning and serving as an operating committee.
- 6. Liaisons and Partnerships:
 - a. Police Chief Julie Flaherty: APD has contracted for the Visions Assessment of the PD for diversity and inclusion, with recommendations issuing for policy and training. ARC and other groups will be asked to help review policies regarding public safety interactions with diverse populations including transgender, non-binary, and gender non-conforming individuals and immigrant populations.
- 7. Other: Commissioners discussed the possibility of using Zoom or other virtual meeting services to host hangouts and maybe video or movie watch parties; could use town Zoom account or continue to access through BH.

At 7:40 pm LK moved to adjourn, BH seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: May 21, 2020 6:30 pm, likely virtual through publicized Zoom video conference link.